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Jacksonville Woman Wins \$400,000 Playing Powerball

-NCEL Powerball Sales Reach Record \$3.7 Million Saturday-

RALEIGH- North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) players spent more than \$3.7 million dollars Saturday for a chance to win this past weekend's \$204 million Powerball jackpot. The jackpot numbers were matched with a single winning ticket in Wisconsin. A North Carolina Powerball player won \$400,000 and seven players won \$10,000. Also this past week, instant scratch-off ticket players collected \$74,888 in top tier prizes.

Louise Thomas of Jacksonville today claimed her \$400,000 prize at the NCEL's headquarters. The 82-year-old said she had never played the lottery until it came to North Carolina. She bought only two Powerball tickets this weekend as well as some instant scratch-off tickets. She won \$25 and \$75 playing the instant games.

"I had stopped at the Circle K on Pine Valley to buy some miniature marshmallows for a fruit salad and decided to buy some lottery tickets," she said. "I normally buy my lottery tickets at Johnson Drug Company because they are real nice to me."

Thomas said her money will go immediately into the bank. After that she plans to pay off her daughter's mortgage.

Winners from the August 5 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Louise Thomas	Jacksonville	\$400,000	Circle 4 #8216 199 Pine Valley, Jacksonville
Donald Henderson	Winston-Salem	\$10,000	Quality Mart #41 743 Piney Grove Rd., Kernersville
Tonya McCoy	Raleigh	\$10,000	Jimmy's Food Mart 2995 U.S. Highway 42 East Willow Spring
Michael Lambert	Statesville	\$10,000	Dollar Mart #10 4323 U.S. Highway 221 South, Marion

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Unknown		\$10,000	Heathers Market 1047 E. Main St., Yanceyville
Unknown		\$10,000	Rose Mart #1 2101 N. Garnett St., Henderson
Unknown		\$10,000	Lowe's Food #180 247 Mt. Jefferson State Park Rd. West Jefferson
Unknown		\$10,000	Quality Mart #39 3180 Peters Creek Parkway Winston-Salem

Note: The \$400,000 winner matched all five white balls but not the Powerball to win \$200,000, but since she chose the Power Play feature it doubled the prize amount. The multiplier was two. The \$10,000 winners matched four white balls and the Powerball, but did not Power Play.

Winners from the August 2 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Denise Goldsby	Winston-Salem	\$40,000	Food Lion #473 3505 Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem
Willie Black	Asheville	\$10,000	CitiStop #110, 1361 Patton Ave., Asheville
Phyllis Penland	Candler	\$10,000	Quick Trip #3 507 N. Louisburg Ave., Asheville

Note: The \$40,000 winner matched four white balls, but not the Powerball to win \$10,000. She chose to Power Play, which increased her winnings to \$40,000. The multiplier for that draw was four. The \$10,000 winners matched four balls and the Powerball. They did not Power Play.

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Won</u>
Rosa Carranza	Snow Hill	\$35,000	"Wild Cherry"
Tyrone Harris	Rockingham	\$8,888	"Wild 8's"
Taira Hinton	Garner	\$7,000	"NCEL Logo"
Harold Portee	Columbia, S.C.	\$7,000	"Firecracker Cash"
Karen Braggs	Jacksonville	\$7,000	"Firecracker Cash"
Johnny Stokes	Burlington	\$5,000	"NCEL I"
Walter Everett	Charlotte	\$5,000	"Tic Tac Toe"

For more information about the NCEL, visit its Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org or call (919) 715-6886.

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